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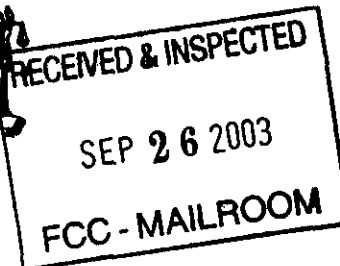
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September 25, 2003

Sent Via UPS Overnight Mail

Ms. Irene Flannery
Universal Service Administrative Company
2120 L Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20037

RE. Certification for High Cost Universal Service Support, CC Docket No. 96-45

Dear Ms. Flannery:

On May 23, 2001 in CC Docket Nos. 96045 and 00-256, the Federal Communications Commission (Commission) modified its rules for receipt of high cost universal service support for the Nation's rural telecommunications carriers. The Commission's order requires the New York State Public Service Commission (NYPSC) to certify that all rural eligible telecommunications carriers in New York State are using universal service support for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services, consistent with §254(e) of the Telecommunications Act (the Act) by October 1, 2003.

Enclosed is a list of the thirty-nine (39) New York State telecommunications carriers the NYPSC has determined meet the necessary requirements under §254(e) of the Act and are eligible for high cost support for the year 2004

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Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dawn Jablonski Ryman".

Dawn Jablonski Ryman

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NEW YORK STATE TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES CERTIFIED FOR USE

ALLTEL New York, Inc.
Armstrong Telephone Company
Berkshire Telephone Corp.
Cassadaga Telephone Corp.
Champlain Telephone Company
Chautauqua & Erie Telephone Corp.
Chazy & Westport Telephone Corp.
Citizens Telecommunications Company of New York
Citizens Telephone Company of Hammond
Crown Point Telephone Corp.
Delhi Telephone Company
TDS Deposit Telephone Company
Dunkirk & Fredonia Telephone Company
TDS Edwards Telephone Company
Empire Telephone Corp.
Fishers Island Telephone Corp.
Frontier Communications of Ausable Valley
Frontier Communications of New York
Frontier Communications of Seneca Gorham
Frontier Communications of Sylvan Lake
Frontier Telephone of Rochester, Inc.
Germantown Telephone Company
Hancock Telephone Company
Margaretville Telephone Company
Middleburgh Telephone Company
Newport Telephone Company
Nicholville Telephone Company
Ogden Telephone Company
Oneida County Rural Telephone Company
Ontario Telephone Company
TDS Oriskany Falls Telephone Corp.
Pattersonville Telephone Company
TDS Port Byron Telephone Company
State Telephone Company
Taconic Telephone Corp.
TDS Township Telephone Company, Inc.
Trumansburg Home Telephone Company
TDS Vernon Telephone Company
Warwick Valley Telephone Company